

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Principal's Welcome

The BPAIA faculty and staff would like to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year. We look forward to the continued academic progress and success of our students. We ask parents to continue their support of school policies and expectations. Students are expected to be **respectful, responsible, and safe**. With parental and teacher support, students can strive for personal excellence.

Vision

Our BPAIA students manifest the knowledge, motivation, and sophistication to recognize and succeed in real-life challenges: personal, academic and social. They are capable and responsible contributors to their global community.

BPAIA Student Creed

I am a BPA Bulldog Scholar.
I am rare and valuable.
I have unlimited potential.
I am a positive and successful student.
I am clear on my goals and I will reach them.
Today, I push myself to new limits.
I am a BPA Bulldog Scholar!

Agenda

Every month you will be receiving a newsletter from me detailing upcoming events, school-wide triumphs, student success stories, and school, faculty and staff news. This will serve as one of the many ways that we all can stay connected and informed on what is happening at BPAIA.

This year I have implemented several new systems and initiatives that will be a vital component to your child's success. I truly believe in teaching the whole child and addressing all phases of a child's learning process. Academically, all my faculty will be focusing on all aspects pedagogy, but with a focus on our school's Powerful Practice which is Student Engagement. Student Engagement will be the common thread in which my teachers will be specifically evaluated on and expected to carry out with rigor and precision.

Our Positive Behavior Incentive System(PBIS) theme is **MARS** (Math Attendance Reading Successfully) which is tied to a token system which recognizes the entire class whenever they are following the three school-wide rules of being **respectful, responsible, and safe**. Classrooms earning the most tokens every month will be recognized by me and all students' names which are in school every day and on time will be placed in a raffle and have an opportunity to earn a special reward from the school.

The third initiative being introduced this school year is the College Readiness Initiative. To promote college readiness, spark a child's curiosity about college, and ignite the conversation piece between staff and student; my entire staff from custodial to myself has been recognized with a frame along the school's hallways illustrating titles and alumni information. In addition to this, every Friday staff is encouraged to wear their alumni gear to resume the College Readiness piece.

Lastly, I stress the importance of being mindful and purposeful with everything that we do. Therefore, every day one classroom will send two students to the office to state the school pledge, school creed, and a robust word of the day. We will also have a 4th and 5th grade Recycling Club, various new and fun after-school activities, encourage 5th graders to dress in professional attire every Monday, and I personally invite all my parents and community members to join me the last Friday of every month for "Cafecito with Mr. G", where you may join me and discuss any issues, concerns, and/or triumphs that you may want to share. Please join me.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you throughout this school year and beyond.

Professionally,

Guillermo M. Gonzalez, School Principal